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"Those who cannot change their minds
cannot change anything."
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The clarification is that not everyone believes the Holocaust happened and you have your thoughts but we are a public school and not all of our parents have the same beliefs so they will react differently, my thoughts or beliefs have nothing to do with this because I am a public servant. I have the role to be politically neutral but support all groups in the school. I work to expose students to certain things but not all parents want their students exposed so they will not be and I can't force that issue. One must understand that in a public school setting the school can't take a position but provide information and allow parents to work with their students on what they want their children to understand.
I can't say the Holocaust is a factual, historical event because I am not in a position to do so as a school district employee. I do allow information about the Holocaust to be presented and allow students and parents to make decisions about it accordingly. I do the same with information about slavery, I don't take a position but allow for the information to be presented and parents to be parents and educate their students accordingly. I am not looking for a situation to divide but just to let all know I don't have a position in the topic, as an educator. My personal beliefs are separate and will always be as they have no place in my profession. This is a very touchy topic, one I have had conversation with Rabbi Levin about. I am simply letting you know we do all we can as a public school within our ability.

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